

# Wisconsin Elections Commission

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#### **Wisconsin Elections Commission**

Special Emergency Teleconference Meeting 201 W. Washington Avenue, Second Floor Madison, Wisconsin 8:00 p.m. July 28, 2022

#### Special Emergency Session Minutes

Present: Commissioner Ann Jacobs, Commissioner Marge Bostelmann, Commissioner Julie Glancey,

Commissioner Don M. Millis, Commissioner Robert Spindell Jr., and Commissioner Mark

Thomsen, all by teleconference.

Staff present: Meagan Wolfe, Sharrie Hauge, Robert Kehoe, Jim Witecha, Kelly McCormick, Riley

Vetterkind, John Smalley, Tony Bridges, Riley Willman, Patrick Brennan, and Anna Langdon,

all by teleconference.

#### A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Millis called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and called the roll. All Commissioners were present.

# **B.** Administrator's Report of Appropriate Meeting Notice

Administrator Meagan Wolfe informed the Commission that proper notice was given for the emergency meeting.

## C. Discussion and Possible Action Pertaining to Alleged Unlawful Absentee Ballot Requests and Mitigation Strategies

Chair Millis introduced the agenda item and invited Administrator Meagan Wolfe to present.

Administrator Wolfe briefed the Commission on the efforts by individuals to submit fraudulent absentee ballot requests using the MyVote website. She reviewed the relevant statutes and summarized actions WEC staff had already taken to mitigate the fraudulent attempts and communicate with the public and local election officials. She then outlined possible next steps for the Commission's consideration.

Discussion.

**MOTION**: Authorize staff to send a postcard with the draft text on page 4 of the Mitigating Unlawful Absentee Request Activity memo to the addresses indicated.

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"You are receiving this mailing from the State of Wisconsin Elections Commission to verify that you did submit an absentee ballot request for the August 9, 2022, primary election. The absentee request indicated you would like your ballot sent to an address other than your home/voter registration address. If you believe someone made this request unlawfully in your name, please contact the Wisconsin Elections Commission at elections@wi.gov or 608-266-8005. If you did make this request, then no further action is needed. You can track your absentee ballot at www.myvote.wi.gov."

Moved by Commissioner Spindell. Seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Roll call vote: Bostelmann: Aye Glancey: Aye

Jacobs: Aye Spindell: Aye Millis: Aye Thomsen: Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion.

**MOTION:** To send a follow-up communication to clerks advising them to be cautious and alerting them of their obligation under Wis. Stat. § 7.15(1)(g) to report criminal activity.

Moved by Commissioner Bostelmann. Seconded by Commissioner Jacobs.

Roll call vote: Bostelmann: Aye Glancey: Aye

Jacobs: Aye Spindell: Aye Millis: Aye Thomsen: Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

## D. Adjourn

**MOTION**: To adjourn.

Moved by Commissioner Jacobs. Seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

Roll call vote: Bostelmann: Aye Glancey: Aye

Jacobs: Aye Spindell: Aye Millis: Aye Thomsen: Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

The Commission adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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July 28, 2022 Wisconsin Election Commission meeting	minutes prepared by:
Anna Langdon, Help Desk Staff	July 29, 2022
July 28, 2022 Wisconsin Election Commission meeting	minutes certified by:
Julie Glancey, Commission Secretary	September 21, 2022